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Correspondence is invited on all matters pertaining to the Home: questions relating to any feature of domestic life, or of interest to women generally, will be readily answered, when possible, in this department.

### It Pays.

It pays to wear a smiling face  
And laugh our troubles down,  
For all our little trials wait  
Our laughter or our frown.  
Beneath the mack of a smile  
Our doubts will fade away,  
As night the frost in early spring  
Beneath the sunny ray.

It pays to make a worthy cause,  
By helping it, our own;  
To give the current of our lives  
A true and noble tone.  
It pays to comfort in any hearts,  
Oppressed with doubt or fear,  
And leave in sorrow darkened lives;  
A gleam of brightness there.

It pays to give a helping hand  
To eager, earnest youth,  
To nobles with all their waywardness,  
Their courage and their truth;  
To strive with sympathy and love  
Their confidence to win  
It pays to open wide the heart  
And "let the sunshine in."

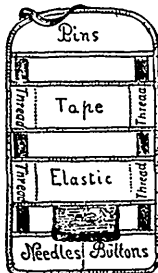
### Some Useful Needle Cases.

HERE are two pretty needle cases. They are designed for utility, but may also be as ornamental as one chooses. The cases are shown open and closed. To make: Cut a strip of velvet, celluloid, or chamois' skin, eight inches long by three inches wide; line with a strip of red satin. In one



end fasten a tiny silken bag for thimble, etc.; in the centre fasten a spool of silk by running through it a ribbon which is tied on the outside of the case in a bow. The other end of the case is furnished with a needle book made of flannel leaves, having the edges scalloped and worked in buttonhole stitch with some pretty colored etching silk; ribbon is sewn on each side to fasten with. The ornamen-

tations on outside of the case may be any design to suit the fancy, but for small articles of this nature the pattern will look best worked out in natural shades in Kensington stitch. The second case is somewhat similar to the one just described, but folding differently. Cut a piece of ooze leather or oil silk about three and one-half inches wide by six



inches long; this will form the outside cover. For the inside lining, stitch scraps of chamois' skin or velvet in the form of pockets as indicated in the illustration. Letter each pocket in outline stitch with etching silk. The leaves for the needles should be made of fine white flannel but-



tonholed with blue or pink silk around the edges. The case should be neatly bound, and supplied with two ribbons to fasten with. This is a pretty little needle case and can easily be made, and is at the same time inexpensive.